

## **CITY OF CHULA COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 18, 2025**

The Chula Board of Alderman met in special session on August 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Chula City Hall.

Those present were Mayor Cody Ireland, Alderman Benny Simpson, Alderman Jeremy Bru, Alderman Andy Harbert, City Clerk Ann Hamilton, City Clerk Dawn Boyles. There was a quorum present.

Mayor Cody Ireland called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of Agenda** – Jeremy Bru moved to approve the agenda. Benny Simpson seconded. Approved 3-0.

### **Dawn**

- Vanessa Hibner indicated she will not pay the balance of \$33.98 from a previous tenant's water bill balance and Jacob Hibner should be contacted to take care of this balance.
- Vern Constant had a pool fill and is requesting sewer credit. Jeremy Bru made a motion to give credit for sewer charges associated with pool refill. Motion was seconded by Benny Simpson. Motion carried 3-0.
- Dawn will speak with Southern Bank regarding establishing an account with a debit card to be used for petty cash purchases. Card would have a limit and tax exempt form would be required for purchases.
- Bank rate information is still being collected to compare rates on CDs and money market accounts.

### **Ann**

- Ann Hamilton will call Spencer Ward about mowing property.

### **Park Board**

- It has been decided that since nothing is being done with the park at this time the fence will be removed (due to damage), grass seed will be laid,

and the bank needs to be sloped down to prevent a hazard. The ditches are draining good but the tube needs to be ~~town~~ out. A new bridge (using concrete) would cost \$9,000 so other options are being looked into.

- Request the GRM grant application from Letha Graves for our records. Dawn will send a letter to Letha Graves asking for a copy.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

JCI Contract – Cleared with Robert. JCI needs email stating “please proceed”. Cody will call Robert to see if we need a contract. If not, we will send email to JCI. Motion to approve was made by Jeremy Bru, seconded by Benny Simpson. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion was held regarding how long a vacant job position needed to be advertised (1 or 2 weeks) and it was decided we could contact Adam to schedule a meeting for one day this week for the wastewater operator position.

Tower Update—Tabled until next meeting.

We need an extension from sewer deadline of 8/18/25.

Code Enforcement – Final letters will be sent next week and then forwarded to the attorney regarding vehicles. Discussion was held regarding dangerous buildings and sending notices to homeowners with dangerous buildings. The dilapidated building ordinance will be send to Robert for review. Jeremy Bru made a motion, Andy Harbert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Information on various grant options which was provided by Rebecca TenHulzen from Green Hills was reviewed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Several ordinances are being prepared to be presented at the September 8, 2025 meeting:

- An ordinance to increase deposit for rental properties to \$300 per month.
- An ordinance for the city to mow properties at a rate of \$150 plus \$150 per hour.
- An ordinance for the petition by Dan Murphy needs to be drawn up.
- An ordinance for review of the JCI contract.



- An ordinance indicating the City Clerk is an employee position and therefore does not need to reside within the city limits of Chula.
- An ordinance stating the speed limit is 15 mph in town unless otherwise noted. A sign would be posted coming into town from all four directions.

It was mentioned that there is a Centennial Time Capsule under the large bell in front of City Hall which will be opened in 2035.

Bank information will be provided to compare CDs and Money Market accounts at meeting on September 8, 2025.

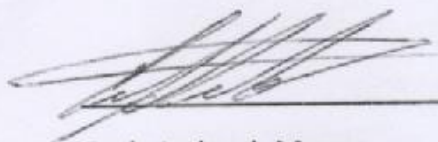
Discussion was held regarding trimming back trees over roads and sight lines.

- If this is contracted out we would need a contract, W9, and proof of insurance.
- There was discussion regarding whether or not we could trim trees back that were on private property and it was suggested that we have a permission slip signed by the homeowner to authorize tree trimming of trees on their private property.
- There was discussion as to whether Fred could do some of this work.
- Discussion was also held regarding stump grinding and it was decided that the best option would be to rent a stump grinder and have Fred grind the stumps.

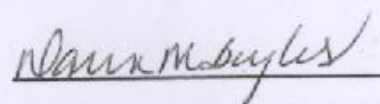
Arte Boon is not interested in changing planting of his corn and Cody Ireland is getting complaints almost daily about the inability to see at the intersection. Cody Ireland will talk to Robert about laws regarding this situation.

Street Signs – Street signs have been purchased and will be erected as soon as we get posts and hardware.

No further business. Jeremy Bru moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 and Benny Simpson seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.



Cody Ireland, Mayor



Dawn M. Boyles, City Clerk